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i am an on-call worker at the Multnomah County Election Bureau, working mainly on the phones during election season to answer voter questions. I strongly oppose this bill. In my hundreds of conversations with voters, I know that vote by mail encourages voting by making it easy, safe and private. Many of the people I speak to are homebound, or disabled, or elderly, or travelling, or otherwise not able to vote in person. This bill would disenfranchise those voters. Oregon has a long and successful history with mail-in voting, with data that demonstrates its positive effect on voter participation. It is essential that vote by mail continue in Oregon if we are to empower all citizens to engage in our democracy.